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Comics vs. Toys

BY JOE DUNN

Well, my brother and I just returned from the 1997 International Toy Fair in New York City, which was a great deal of fun. First some quick observations and opinions:

- 1) Toy Fair is big...I mean really big.
- 2) N.Y.C. drivers are crazy but I never felt unsafe.
- 3) Phantom of the Opera is better than Cats.
- 4) Do not try the Motion Simulator Ride: CINEMA RIDE in 3-D — especially if you are even slightly overweight. The seats are made for three-year-olds. The ride also gave me a massive headache.
- 5) Airline strikes or even the possibility of an airline strike sucks.

I like New York City. It's a fun place to visit...but I would never live there. First, I probably would be dead in less than a month, and second, renting a parking space for a month costs more than my monthly mortgage.

Alright, enough babble and more substance...Comics versus Toys. An unfair comparison, you say? True enough, but since Antarctic is involved in both, I decided to give it a try.

Largest Comic Publisher = Marvel Entertainment (in bankruptcy)
Largest Toy Manufacturer = Hasbro (record 4th quarter sales)

Largest Comic Retailer = ? (probably Mile Hile)

Largest Toy Retailer = Toys R' Us

Total # of Comic Retailers = 5000
Total # of Toys R' Us stores = 1000

Best selling Comic = X-Men (Marvel)
Best selling Toy = Barbie (Mattel)

Worth of 100 shares of Marvel (on Feb

14th) = \$200

Worth of 100 shares of Mattel (on Feb 14th) = \$2712.50

Largest Comic convention = San Diego, attendance 30,000-40,000
International Toy Fair, attendance 50,000+ (no consumers)

I could go on, but I think you get the point. Don't get me wrong...I love comics. If it wasn't for the comics industry, we would not be able to do our toys. I'm not saying that the comics industry should be like the toy industry, but why can't we take advantage of the toy industry to help comics? Many comic companies have started to do action figures recently. Are they doing this because they are committed to comics or are they doing this as the next trend to be exploited and driven into the ground just like comics and trading cards before? I hope that we have all learned the error of our ways and will treat this next synergy with some respect. Can we grow with the toy industry...or are we just the instrument for the next collector's destruction? Can we survive the Tapestry Picard or multiple repaints or carded variations? I don't know...but my experience has shown that if we rush blindly into such things, the odds aren't good.

Antarctic is trying by reducing the cost of our toys, making them available only to comic specialty stores and informing the retailer about ALL details regarding the figures. We're doing our best to make this a long-term merger of toys and comics, not just a quick grab for profits. If it works, maybe we can look forward to the day when San Diego dwarfs Toy Fair.

Preposterous? Maybe...but wouldn't it be cool?

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<"IT'S CURIOUS, EXEDOR...">

<"HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS TINY BATTLE FORTRESS DEFEATED THE MIGHTY BREETAI?">

D C O V

<"IT'S CURIOUS, EXEDOR...">*

<"HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS TINY BATTLE FORTRESS DEFEATED THE MIGHTY BREETAI?">

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IF YOU FAIL...)

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<I WILL NOT FAIL, EXEDOR...
I HAVE NEVER FAILED!>

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I HAVE NEVER FAILED!>

<THESE MICRONIANS WILL LEARN WHAT IT IS LIKE ...>

<...TO FEEL THE FULL MIGHT OF THE ZENTRAEDI!>

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<EXEDOR!
PREPARE TO
MOVE THE
FLEET INTO
POSITION!>

"VERMILION
SQUADRON'S
VF-20 AND VF-31
ARE BACK FROM
COMBAT
PATROLS..."

"REPORTING
'ALL CLEAR'."

"LAUNCH SKULL
SQUADRON'S VF-1
AND VF-18!"





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MEGASTORM

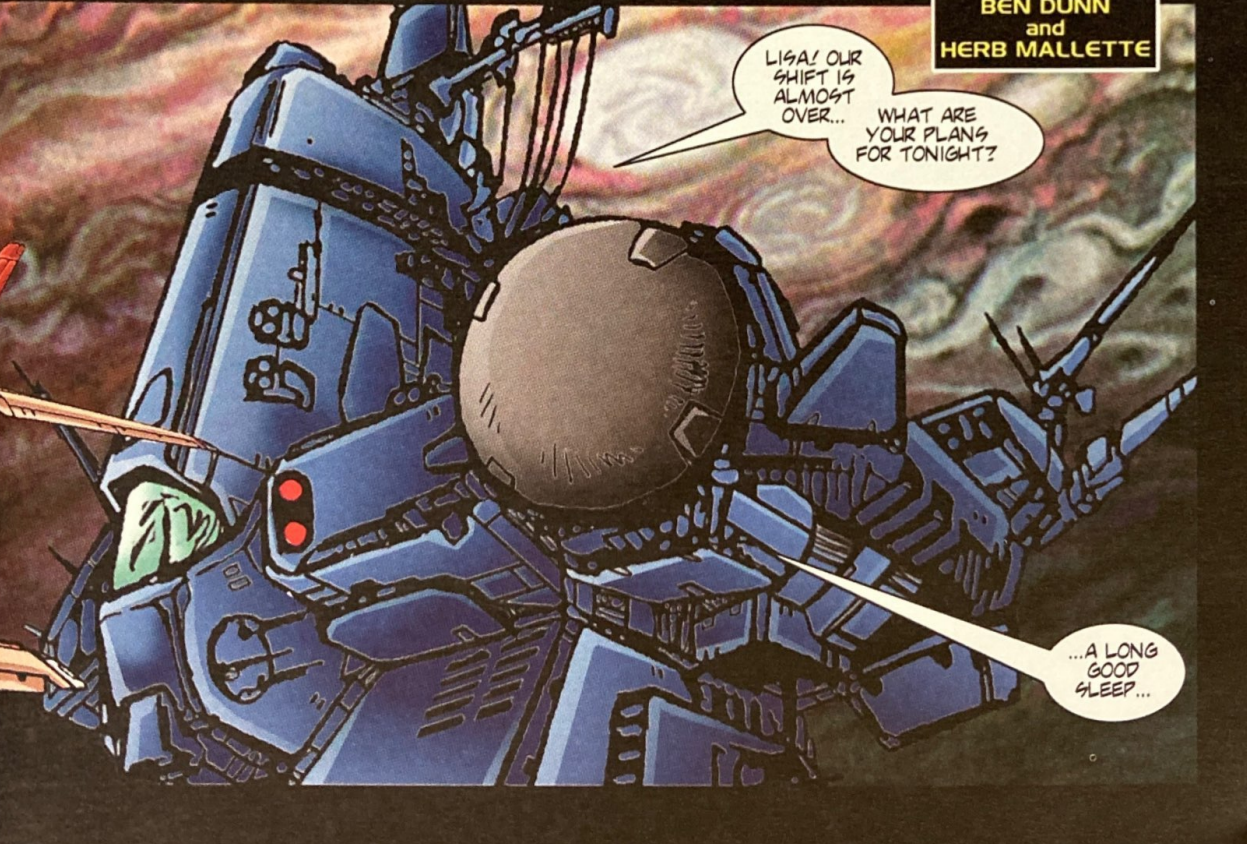
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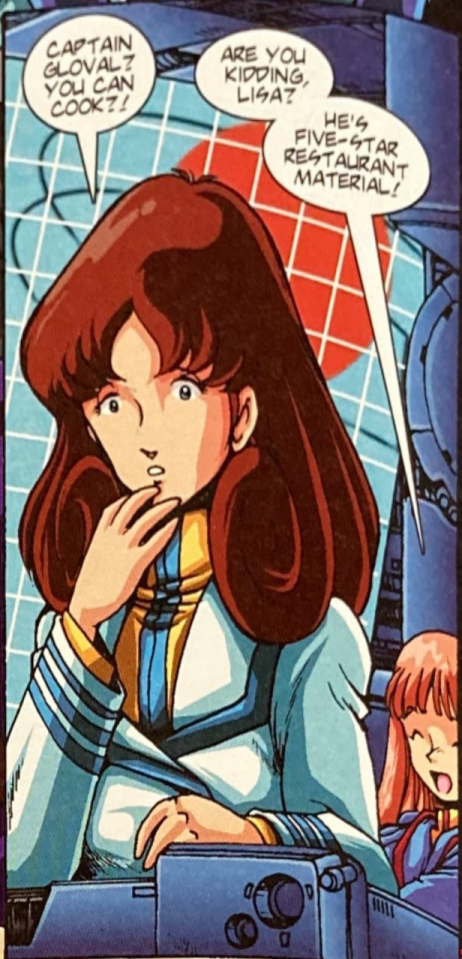
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LISA! OUR
SHIFT IS
ALMOST
OVER...

WHAT ARE
YOUR PLANS
FOR TONIGHT?

...A LONG
GOOD
SLEEP...





ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY! GET YOUR BUTTS OFF THE BRIDGE! THE NIGHT SHIFTS WERE TO TAKE OVER!

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! WE'RE GOING ALREADY!

UGH... TOO MUCH SUGAR THIS TIME!

CAPTAIN GLOVAL, 18-HUNDRED TO 02-HUNDRED BRIDGE CREW REPORTING!

CARRY ON, CLAUDIA.

...AND BE SURE TO SEND A RUNNER TO MY QUARTERS LATER TONIGHT.

I DON'T WANT YOU MISSING OUT ON THE DINNER I'M PREPARING.

THANK YOU, SIR, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE RESULTS OF YOU RAIDING MY GARDEN THIS MORNING!

WHAT'S THE ORDER OF THE DAY, LISA?

THINGS ARE PRETTY SLOW NOW, CLAUDIA...

WE'VE DECIDED TO RUN THE PATROLS WITH ROOKIE PILOTS DURING THIS LULL IN ACTION...

GOOD IDEA. THAT'LL GIVE THEM SOME GOOD EXPERIENCE BESIDES THE SIMS...

WHO'S UP NOW?

"VF-1 LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER ROY
FOKKER AND 2ND
LIEUTENANT MAX
STERLING..."

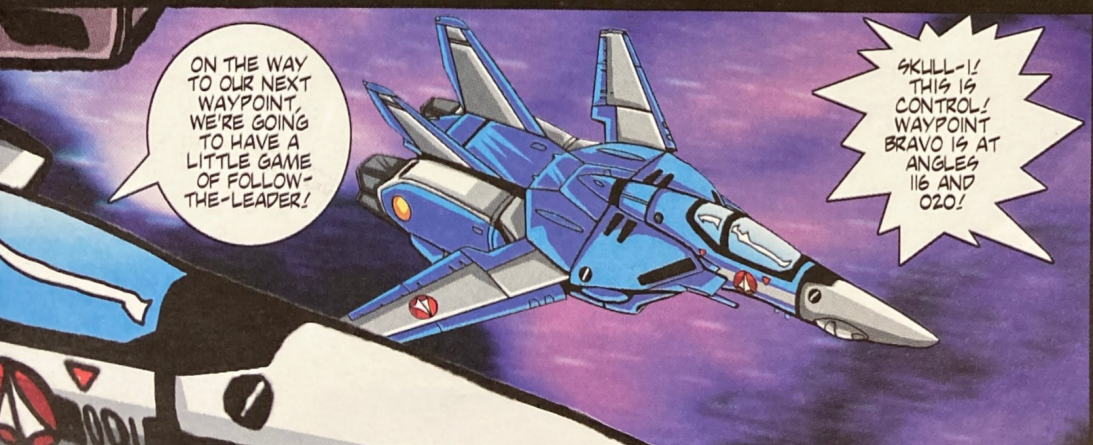
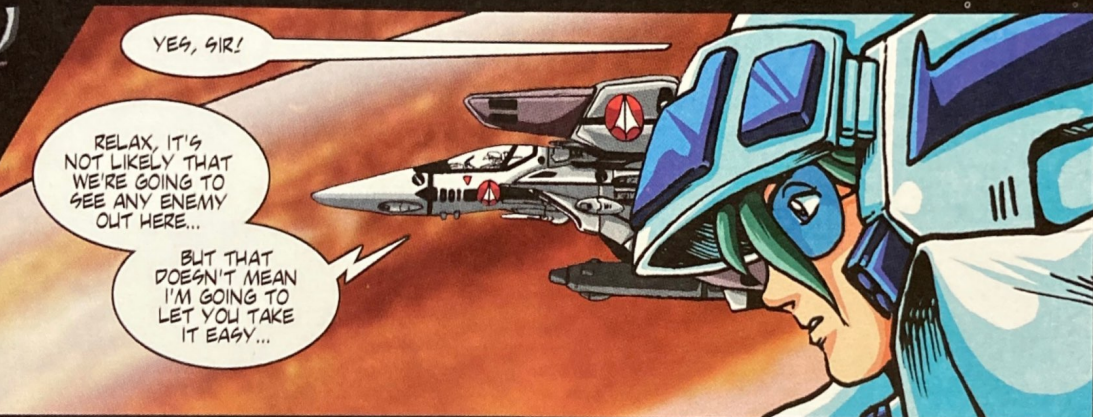
"THEY JUST
STARTED THEIR
COMBAT PATROL."

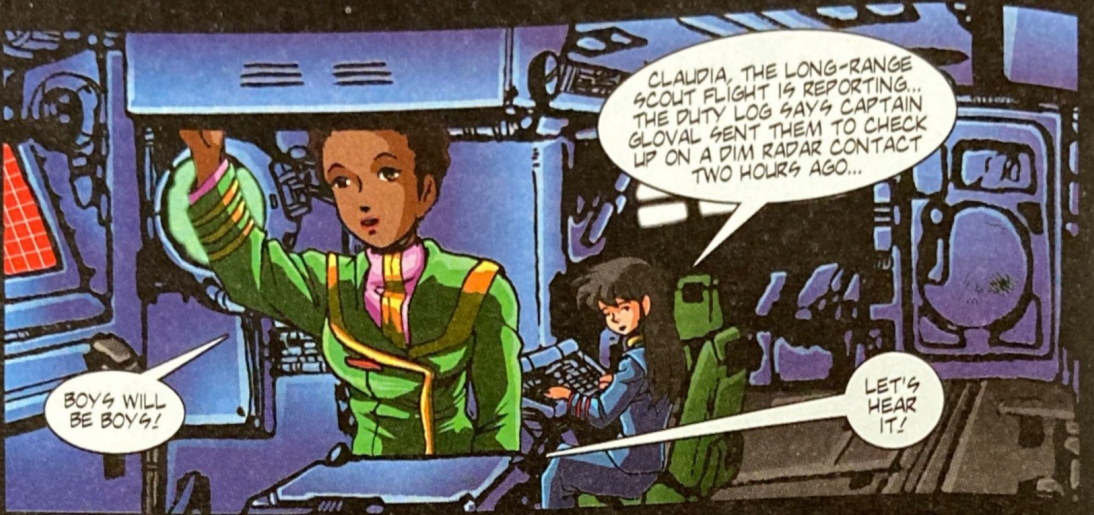
HOW ARE
YOU DOING
BACK THERE,
LIEUTENANT?

I THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE. THIS IS
YOUR FIRST COMBAT
PATROL ISN'T IT,
LT. STERLING?

WE'RE BRINGING
ROOKIES OUT THIS
TIME TO LET THEM
GET THE FEEL OF
A REAL VERITECH...

PERFORMING
REAL COMBAT
MANEUVERS!







WAYPOINT BRAVO...

WOO-WEE!!

THAT'S GOOD FLYING, LIEUTENANT! YOU'RE A NATURAL, KID!

THANK YOU, SIR! I DID MY BEST TO KEEP UP...IT WASN'T EASY...



ANYWAY, PLAYTIME'S OVER! GET 310 BY 010. WE'VE GOT A PATROL AREA TO SWEEP...

YES, SIR!

THERE GOES MY QUIET EVENING!

UNDER ATTACK?

THIS IS SERIOUS, ROY! THE LONG-RANGE PATROL IS UNDER ATTACK!

CONTROL TO VF-1! EMERGENCY! PLEASE RESPOND!!

GIVE ME A COURSE AND AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT I'M ABOUT TO JUMP INTO, CLAUDIA!

THAT'S JUST IT, ROY, WE CAN'T TELL!

WE PICK UP THE LONG-RANGE PATROL FLIGHT CLEARLY ON RADAR, BUT WE CAN'T SEE THEIR ATTACKERS!

I'M UPLOADING COURSE, DATA AND OUR RADAR SCANS TO YOU NOW, ROY!

ALL RIGHT!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GET TO SEE COMBAT AFTER ALL, LT. STERLING! I JUST HOPE YOU CAN SHOOT AS WELL AS YOU CAN FLY!

SKOOM!

VVVOOOO!



THERE!
OVER
THERE!

I
SEE
THEM! GOING
TO GUN!

NASH!
WATCH YOUR
SIX! WATCH
YOUR SIX!

WWOOOOOOOOOOO!!!

DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
ME, JORDAN!
KEEP AMY
COVERED!

I'LL
HOLD
THEM
OFF!

GET OUTTA
THERE, NASH!
MOVE IT!!

I'M TRYING!
THERE'S JUST
TOO MANY
OF THEM!



NASH!
OH, NO!!
HIS VERI-
TECH'S BEEN
HIT!



I'M OKAY!
I'M OKAY!

BUT I'M HIT
BAD! I THINK
I LOST MY
STARBOARD
ENGINE AND
ONE OF MY
VERITECH
ARMS!



JORDAN!
WE'VE GOT
TO GO BACK
FOR HIM!



WE CAN'T
LEAVE HIM
OUT THERE!

I HEAR
YOU, AMY!
LET'S GET
SOME!



AMY! JORDAN!
NO!! GET OUT
OF HERE! GET
OUT NOW!!



BAOM!
BAOM!
BAOM!
BAOM!

VAA-DOOM!!



JORDAN!
THEY'RE
PICKING
NASH
APART!

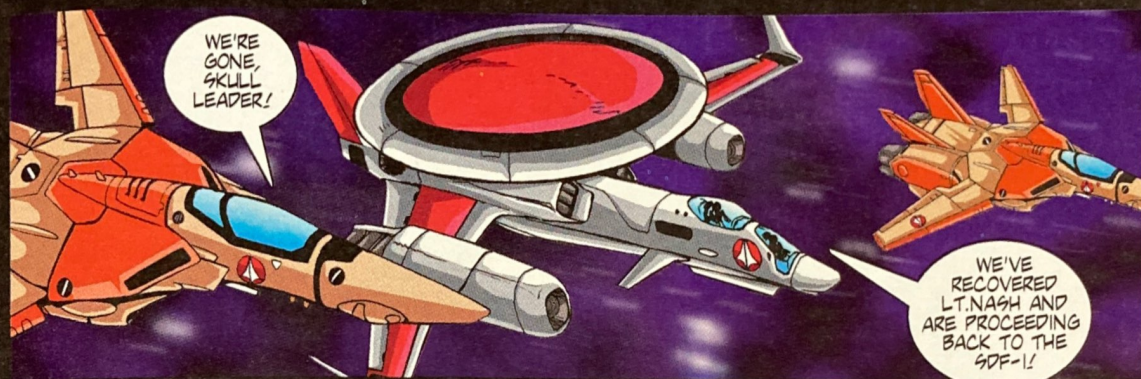
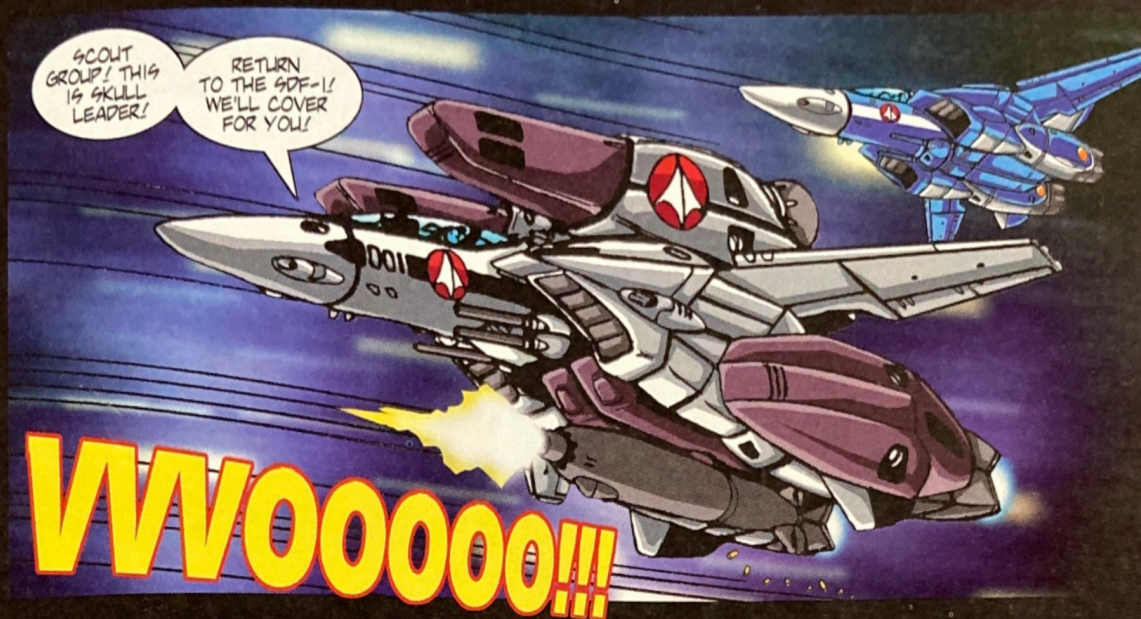
SHIFT TO
BATTLROID
MODE AT
ONCE!

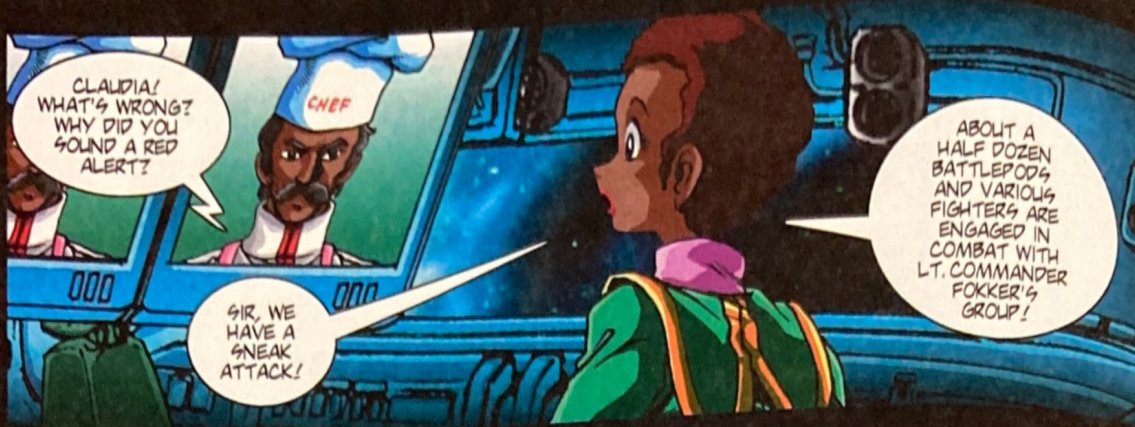


AMY!
JORDAN!
THAT'S
WHAT
THEY
WANT!

THEY'RE
USING ME AS
BAIT TO DRAW
YOU BACK!

NO WAY NASH!
WE AIN'T LEAVING
YOU BEHIND! EITHER
YOU COME BACK
WITH US OR WE
ALL FLOAT
BACK HOME!





CLAUDIA!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY DID YOU
SOUND A RED
ALERT?

SIR, WE
HAVE A
SNEAK
ATTACK!

ABOUT A
HALF DOZEN
BATTLEPODS
AND VARIOUS
FIGHTERS ARE
ENGAGED IN
COMBAT WITH
LT. COMMANDER
FOKKER'S
GROUP!



"DON'T WORRY, CLAUDIA.
BETTER YOU SHOULD FEEL
SORRY FOR THOSE POOR
DEVILS UP AGAINST FOKKER."

HOW ARE
WE DOING,
SIR?



YES,
SIR!

OH, WELL!
LOOKS LIKE
THESE GUYS
GET A BREAK
FROM OUR
PARTY!



SKULL LEADER!
THESE ALIENS ARE
TRYING TO PREVENT
US FROM RETURNING
TO THE GDF-1!



FOKKER?

NEVER MIND,
THEN...THE
SITUATION IS
WELL IN
HAND...

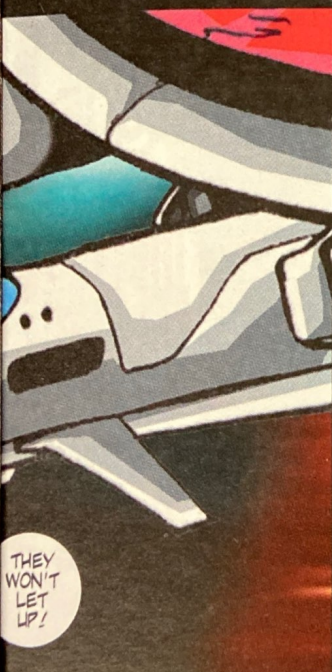
IF YOU
SAY SO,
SIR...



NOT BAD,
LT. STERLING!
I'VE COUNTED
SIX DESTROYED
AND THREE
PROBABLES!

SKULL LEADER!
THEY'RE COMING
AT US AGAIN!

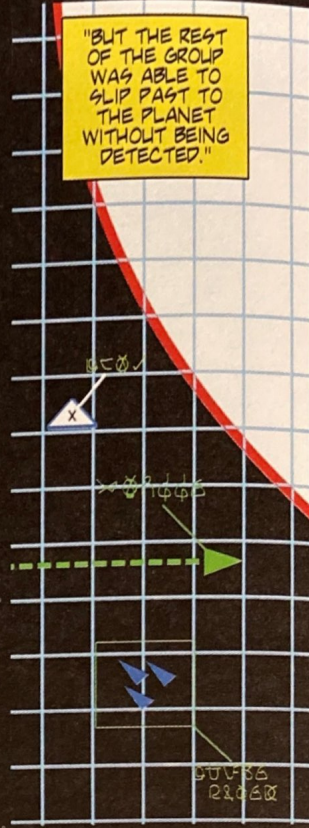
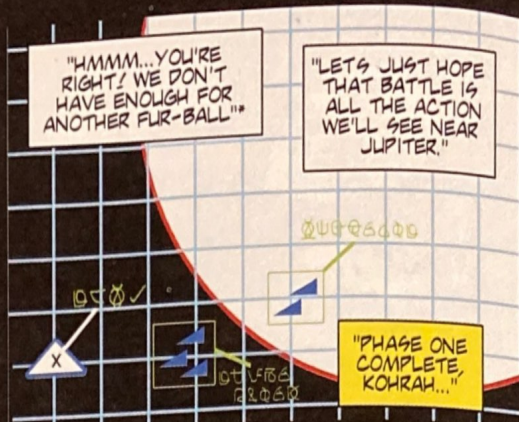
DAMMIT!
LT. STERLING,
SWITCH TO
FIGHTER MODE
AND PREPARE
TO INTERCEPT!



WAIT...

WHAT'S GOING
ON? THEY'RE ALL
BREAKING OFF!
RETREATING!
WHY? THEY
HAD US COLD!

THEY
WON'T
LET
UP!



**NEXT
ISSUE:
JUPITER
TRAP!**

**DON'T MISS
THE NEXT
EXCITING
CHAPTER!**

JUNE 20, 2009...
ABOVE THE NEVADA
DESERT.

VF 001,
I'M ON FINAL
APPROACH!

ROGER,
VF 001. USE
PAD 7 EAST
OF YOU!

ROGER,
DREAMLAND TOWER.
LINING UP ON RUNWAY
'B', PAD 7 IN SIGHT.
ADDING POWER!

ROGER
VF 001. WIND
SSW 9K, TEMP
71F, BP 29.93.

ROGER,
TOWER. TURNING
LEFT. PREPARING
FOR GUARDIAN
MODE!

BETTER
NOT LAND
ON TOP OF
ME AGAIN,
ROY!

WELL...
I'LL BE
DAMNED!

ROBOT



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PROTOTYPE 001

'TIGERCAT'
PART ONE



LISA, I
THOUGHT
YOU WERE AT
MACROSS CITY
WORKING UP
ON THE GDF-1!

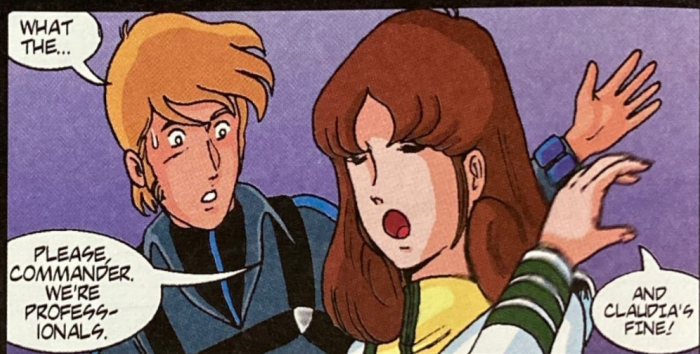
I'M PREPARING
THE VF-14 FOR
A FLIGHT TO THE
MUSEUM.



WELL, LITTLE
LADY. IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
ANYWAY...

HOW'S
CLAUDIA?

GRIP!



WHAT
THE...

PLEASE,
COMMANDER.
WE'RE
PROFESS-
IONALS.

AND
CLAUDIA'S
FINE!



WHAT'S WRONG,
LISA? WHY SO
COLD TODAY?

I'M SORRY,
ROY. I JUST
HAVE BAD
FEELING...

WHAT,
AGAIN?

YOU USED TO
BE SO CHEER-
FUL WHEN WE FIRST
STARTED TO WORK
AS A TEAM.

THAT
WAS A
LONG TIME
AGO...

001



LONG
AGO...

LISA!



HOW'S MY
FAVORITE LITTLE
LADY DOING?

R...ROY!

EH?

PLEASE, LIEUTE-
NANT FOKKER! I'M
ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS!

SORRY, LISA.
I WAS JUST BEING
FRIENDLY...YOU
BEING CLAUDIA'S
BEST FRIEND
AND ALL!

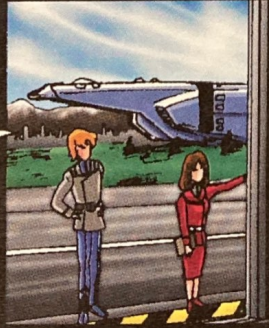
BY THE
WAY, WHERE
IS SHE? I
THOUGHT SHE
WANTED TO MEET
HER WAR HERO
BOYFRIEND!

SORRY, ROY, BUT
SHE GOT TIED UP AT
MACROSS CITY TAKING
CARE OF YOU-KNOW-
WHAT...

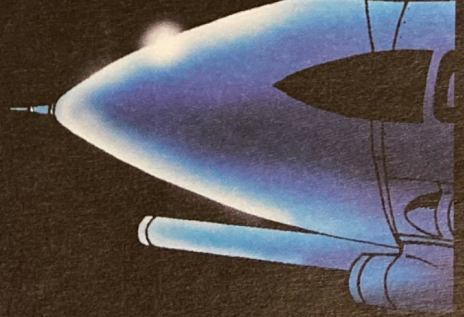
BESIDES,
UNTIL SHE ARRIVES
I WANT YOU TO GET
FAMILIAR WITH YOUR
NEW MOUNT.

FEBRUARY 1, 2007

YEAH, I
CAN'T WAIT
UNTIL I GET THIS
NEW VERITECH
FIGHTER UP!



FIRST,
YOU NEED TO
BE QUALIFIED
ON THIS...



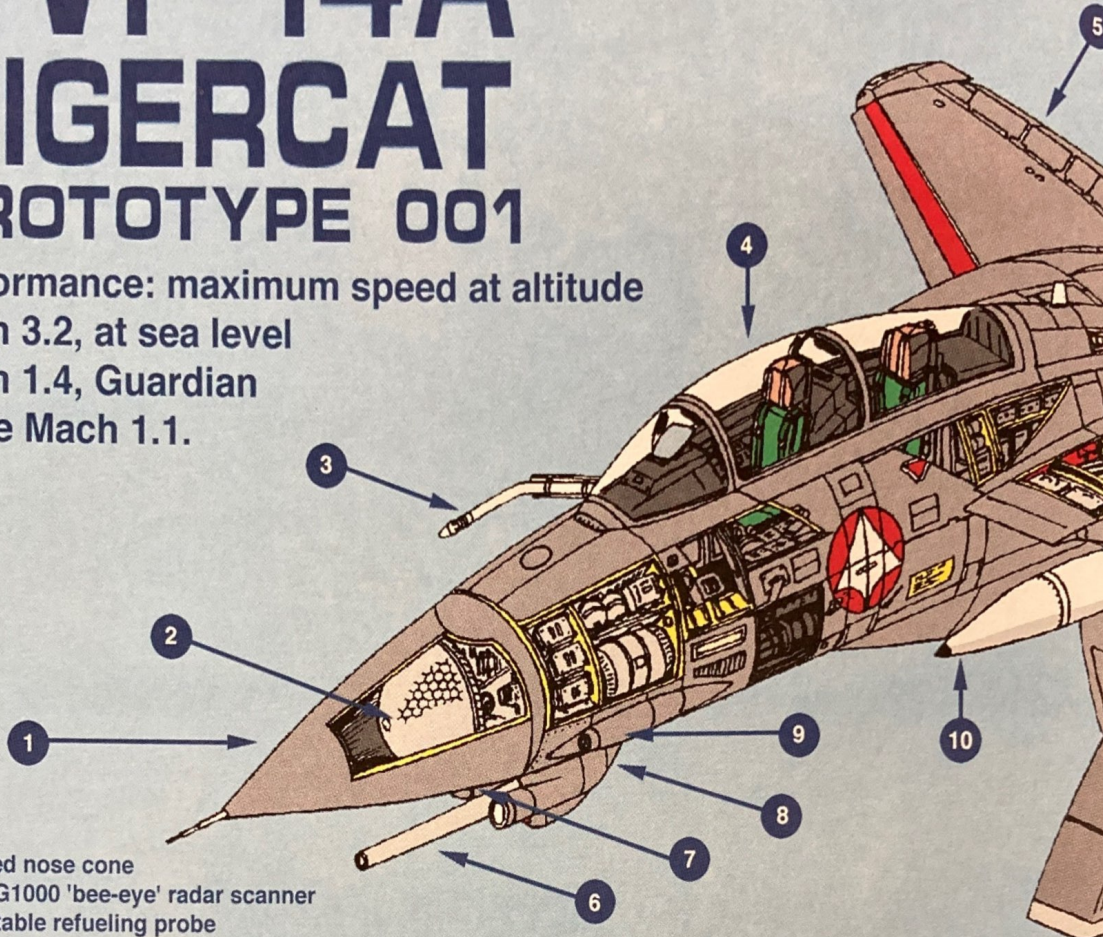
WHAT
THE...?

IT'S A
YVF-14A
TIGERCAT
PROTOTYPE
OO!



ARUMON-GRUMMAN YVF-14A TIGERCAT PROTOTYPE 001

Performance: maximum speed at altitude
Mach 3.2, at sea level
Mach 1.4, Guardian
Mode Mach 1.1.



1. Armored nose cone
2. AN/APG1000 'bee-eye' radar scanner
3. Retractable refueling probe
4. Armored titanium cockpit tub
5. Flexible cera-plastic armored wing
6. 40mm M99-A1 anti-tank cannon
7. Infra-red search and track sensor
8. AN/AXX-1 Television camera set
9. 20mm M61-A1 cannon
10. AIM-54K MP missile

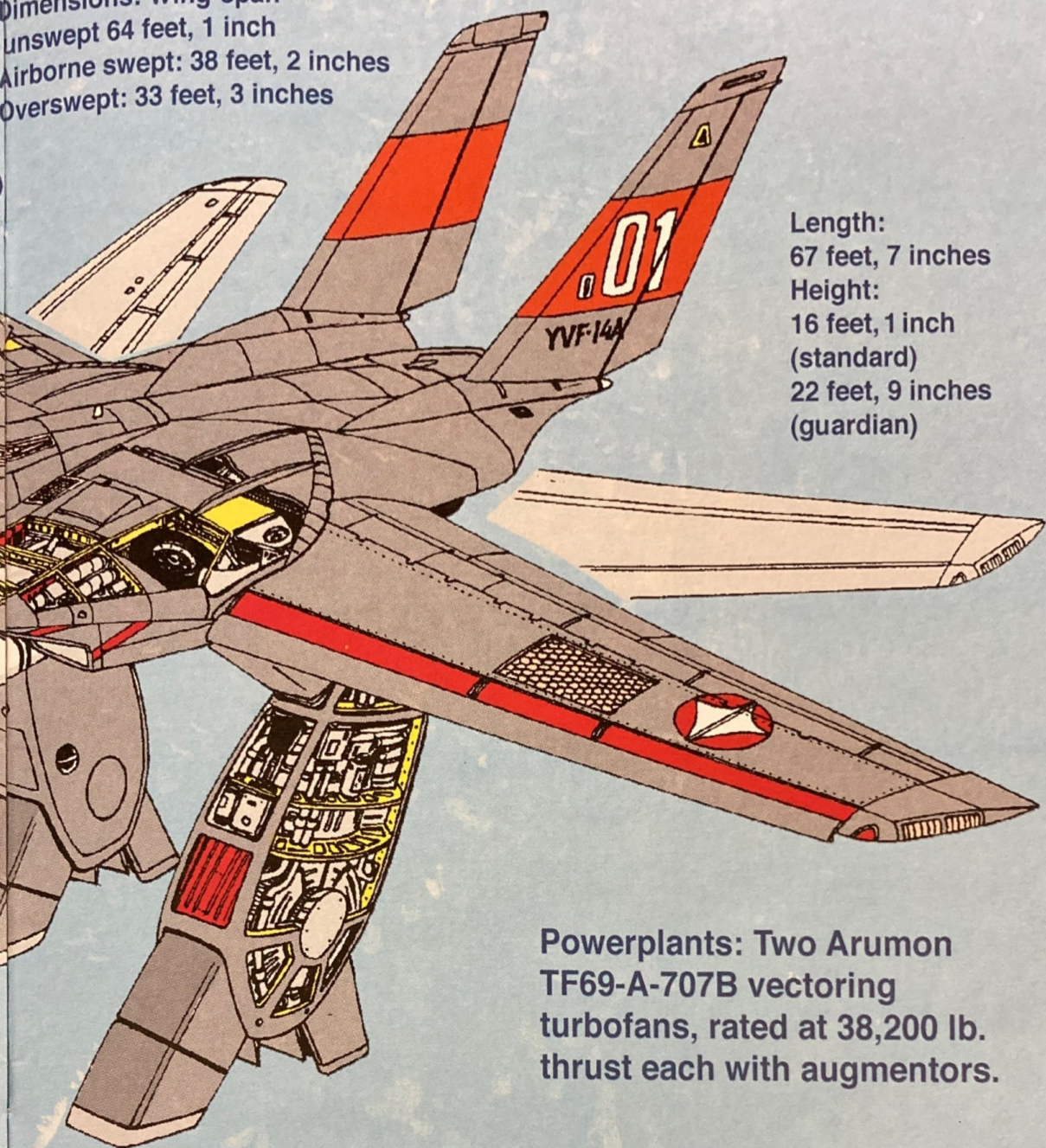
Weights: empty 29,100 lb.

Maximum take-off: 108,740 lb. (standard)
75,000 lb. (guardian)

WE RUSHED
IN CREATING THIS
LIVE SIMULATOR
PROTOTYPE MODEL
TO TEST THE NEW
CONFIGURATION
FOR POSSIBLE
USE IN COMBAT
TACTICS.

DURING THE
SYSTEM CHECK OF
THE VF-X PROTOTYPE,
WE DISCOVERED THIS
UNIQUE FEATURE QUITE
BY ACCIDENT.

Dimensions: Wing-span
unswept 64 feet, 1 inch
Airborne swept: 38 feet, 2 inches
Overswept: 33 feet, 3 inches

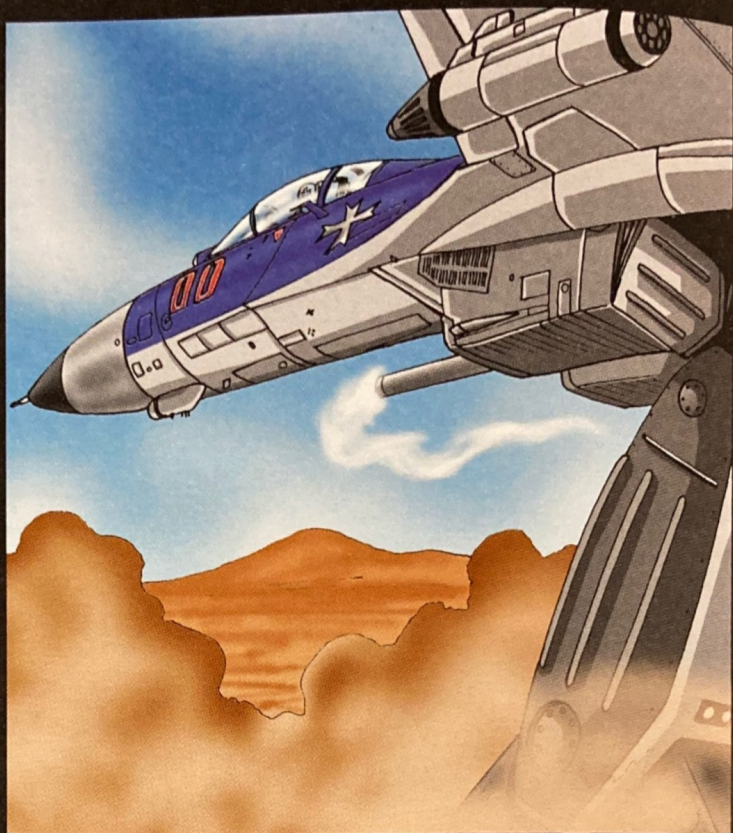


Length:
67 feet, 7 inches
Height:
16 feet, 1 inch
(standard)
22 feet, 9 inches
(guardian)

Powerplants: Two Arumon
TF69-A-707B vectoring
turbofans, rated at 38,200 lb.
thrust each with augmentors.



WHUMP!



TEN OUT OF
TEN TARGETS
DESTROYED.

NOT BAD.

I BELIEVE
THE BLUE MAX
IS NOW READY
FOR COMBAT!

Coming Soon:

ROBOTECH: MOSPEADA

A NEW BOOK FROM
PATRICK THORNTON (Aftertime)
and JOCHEN WELTJENS (Diesel)



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